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Sir:

The Information Disclosure Statement filed April 10, 2003, in the above-identified application is noted. With this Information Disclosure Statement was submitted a copy of an European Search Report and documents cited therein, in connection with an European patent application corresponding to the above-identified application. As submitted, this Information Disclosure Statement filed April 10, 2003 satisfied all applicable requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97 and § 1.98, and thus must be considered during prosecution of the above-identified application.

However, it is noted that the Examiner has not indicated consideration of the aforementioned Information Disclosure Statement, for example, by providing an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 (equivalent) submitted as part of the aforementioned Information Disclosure Statement.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement submitted April 10, 2003, and also indicate consideration of the documents submitted therewith and listed on the aforementioned Form PTO-1449 (equivalent) by initialing adjacent each document on the Form.

For the convenience of the Examiner, enclosed herewith is another copy of this Information Disclosure Statement filed April 10, 2003, together with the postcard receipt from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office indicating receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement.

Favorable action by the Examiner consistent with the present request is respectfully solicited.

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